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1. The Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters is divided into two departments and six sections. Under the Political Department are seven offices: harbor administration, signal, technician training, civil transportation, propaganda and education, organization, and river defense. Under the Advisory Department there are two research rooms, one for river defense and one for meteorology, and three teams one each for strategy, river defense supervision, and training supervision. The six sections are staff officers, training, liaison, supply, equipment, and sanitation.
2. HSU Ch'ing-hua (徐慶華) is in charge of the River Defense Command. The five command posts are at Whampoa, Shihch'i, Wanshan Islands, Chiangmen, and Sanshui. The headquarters is at Whampoa.
3. There are 12 gunboats below 300 tons assigned to the command: WEI YUAN (威遠), CH' IEN CHIN (劍進), TING HAI (霆海), CHIEH FANG (解放), KUNG LI (共利), LU HSUN (魯迅), P'ING FENG (平風), CH' IEN FENG (劍風), KUANG AN (光安), TA CHIN (大進), CHUNG K'AI (仲凱), and JEN MIN (人民). Under the command there are also twenty 20-ton motor junks and 40 motor boats below 10 tons marked CHIEH FANG (解放), numbers 1 through 40. All the vessels are light grey with the characters (八一) painted on the prow. The boats are armed with 25mm and 13mm machine guns.
4. The Pearl River Patrol Command has requested permission to organize two marine battalions to add to the two battalions already in existence. On 1 August, TUNG Chiung-ling (童桐齡), chief of the combat section of the 131 Division was appointed as commander of the 1 Battalion; CHUNG Shao-hsun (鍾紹軒), chief of the staff office of the 130 Division, as commander of the 2 Battalion; HUANG Yu (黃玉), commander of the 8 Regiment, Public Security Unit, East River Military Sub-District, as commander of the 3 Battalion; and LO Feng-hsiang (駱鳳翔), chairman of the Pearl River District Law Enforcement Committee, as commander of the 4 Battalion. Men for the new battalions were selected from the 44 Army, the Kwangtung-Kwan-si Column, the Public Security Unit, and the militia, on the basis of their health and swimming skill. The men are in the Paoan-Panyu-Shunte-Chungshan-Tungkuan area undergoing amphibious warfare training.
5. On 28 August LO Hsing (羅興), Chinese Communist naval chief of staff, left Whampoa by cruiser for Yulin on an inspection trip of Hainan defenses. He was accompanied by Ma-chin-no-fu (馬金諾夫), a Soviet submarine expert.

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